

Nebraska County Attorneys Standards Advisory Council
April 16, 2004

The Nebraska County Attorneys Standards Advisory Council of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Friday, April 16, 2004, at 1:30 p.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 5th floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Legal notice of the meeting was published April 6, 2004 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Call to Order

Ron Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. In attendance were: Dan Giittinger, Ron Jorgenson, and W. Bert Lammi. Absent: Catherine Brooks, Stuart Dornan, Gary Lacey, and Elizabeth Waterman. Staff present: Allen Curtis and Barbara McCreight. Also in attendance was DeMaris Johnson, Director of the NE County Attorneys Association.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2003 were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Compliance with 2003 Continuing Legal Education Requirements

The Council reviewed a listing of thirteen county or deputy county attorneys who did not meet the continuing legal education requirements for the year 2003. All of the attorneys requested waivers of the requirements which would allow the hours to be added to their training requirements for 2004.

All county and deputy county attorneys found out of compliance by the Council will be sent certified letters notifying them that the matter will be forwarded to the Crime Commission for further action. The Commission may grant waivers.

Motion

A motion was made by Giittinger and seconded by Lammler to recommend to the Crime Commission that waivers be granted as follows: Charles Hamilton, Adams County, 1 hour radar; Michael Long, Antelope/Madison Counties, 4.25 hours; Ted S. Griess, Clay County, 8.75 hours; Amber Hegarty, Dakota County, 1.25 CAC hours; Douglas Palik, Deuel County, 8 hours; J. Leef, Deuel County, 20 hours; Martin Conboy, Dodge County, 2.25 CAC hours; Stacey Hultquist, Dodge County, 3.5 CAC hours; Michael Guinan, Douglas County, 3.75 CAC hours; Matthew Kuhse, Douglas County, 4.25 CAC hours; Tom Kangior, Douglas County, 10 hours; Leigh Ann Retelsdorf, Douglas County, 4 hours; Jennifer Stevens, Douglas County, 3.5 CAC hours; Kay Tracy, Hall County, 20 hours; George Vinton, Hooker County, 1.25 hours; Joseph Hurd, Madison County, 7.75 hours (1 CAC); Michael Long, Madison County, 4.25 hours; Stephen Twiss, Merrick County, 8 hours; Greg Ariza, Sarpy County, 2.75 CAC hours; and Warren Arganbright, Thomas County, 15 hours (second year). The motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Future Meeting Dates

It was suggested that since the Council is currently required to only meet once a year that meetings be held by video conference. Staff will review the public meeting rules.

Status of Crimes Against Children Fund

Curtis reported the Legislature passed LB 1089 which provided an \$80,000 appropriation to the Attorney General's Child Protection cash fund to provide assistance for legal expenses incurred in prosecuting crimes against children by state and local prosecutors. Curtis reported the Attorney General's Office and NE County Attorneys Association had lobbied for reinstatement of the crimes against children funds. Although the funds did not go to the Commission, the Commission was pleased to have funding support for such an important program. The Commission is willing to assist with the program if needed.

Demonstration of Prosecutors' Case Management System

A demonstration of the prosecutors case management system was provided by Corey Cashmere. The software system was selected by a panel of county attorneys and Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Council members. The cost of the program was outlined and various features reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McCreight